COCHIN LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY PROCEEDINGS

OFFICIAL REPORT OF THE VRISCHIGAM MEETING 1124

Tuesday, *the* *7th December 1948* / *22nd Vrischigam 1124*

The Assembly met in the Assembly Hall, Ernakulam at 3 p.m. with the Hon'ble President Mr. L. M. PYLEE, M. A., B.L.) in the Chair.

Rao Bahadur T K. Nayar and Messrs. K. Balakrishna Menon, K. Natarajan Chettiar, M. Bhaskara Menon, K. T. Achuthan, T. S. Bandhu and Mr. C. A. Ouseph were absent.

1. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Short Notice question No. 1.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) will Government be pleased to place on the Council table the Report or Reports of Rao Bahadur Ananda Rao and all connected papers including allegations of corruptions;

(*b*) whether any explanation have been called for from the officers alleged to have been found to be corrupt;

(*c*) whether there is any charge of swindling of Sirkar money and corruption on any officers;

(*d*) if so, who are the officers involved in this;

(*e*) copy of the charge sheet, explanation, etc. and the Government Orders on the file;

(*f*) whether any punishment was given to the Officers found guilty;

(*g*) if so, what;

(*h*) whether the Government has found out any source to realise the swindled Government Funds;

(*i*) if so, what?

Mr. K. Ayyappan *(Minister for Works and Revenue):*

(*a*) to (*i*) Government regret they cannot place the report of Rao Bahadur U. Ananda Rao and other connected papers on the table as final orders have not yet been issued.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will Government be pleased to place it on the table of the House during this session itself, in case the final orders have been issued before that?

Mr. K. Ayyappan *(Minister for Works and Revenue):* It may not be possible to issue final orders before this session is over.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Is it a fact that one of the Executive Engineers was degraded, or rather the increment of one of the Executive Engineers was stopped, for 5 years and the Contractor was allowed to pay all the arrears?

Mr. K. Ayyappan *(Minister for Works and Revenue):* It is not possible to answer such questions until final orders are passed on the entire report.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Have not the Government taken any decision on the matter?

Mr. President: Order, Order, that has already been stated by the Government.

(*N. B.*—The numbers in ordinary thin type represent the numbers in the order of receipt of notice.)

RAJENDRA MAIDAN INCIDENT—ENQUIRY REGARDING

103. (15) Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they are going to take any public enquiry against the incidents in the Rajendra Maidan referred to in the resolution of the meeting of the I. S. P. mentioned in paragraph 4 in column 1 of the news report under the caption "രാജേന്ദ്രമൈതാനത്തിലെ പോലീസ് അതിക്രമം" on page 3 of the "Express", dated 8th Kanni 1124;

(*b*) if not, why;

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[Mr. C. V. Iyyu]

(c) whether they have perused the Editorial under the caption "ഗുരുകർമ്മം" in Column 1 on page 2 of the "Express" (Trichur), dated 28th September 1948;

(d) if so, what action they have taken on the issues raised in that article?

Mr.E.Ikkanda Warriar *(Prime Minister)*:

(a) An officer has already been appointed to enquire into the matter.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes.

(d) The issue specifically raised in the editorial relates to the non-official enquiry to be conducted into the incident at Rajendra Maidan. An officer has already been appointed for the purpose and the enquiry is in progress now.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. കരുണാകരൻ: ഏതു തിയ്യതിയിലാണ് "റിപ്പോർട്ട്" ഗവൺമെന്റിലേക്ക് സമർപ്പിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളതെന്നു പറയാമോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. അയ്യപ്പൻ: നോട്ടീസുവേണം.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: May I know, Sir, whether the Government, which is not in power now, had also appointed an officer to enquire into it?

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Prime Minister)*: No, so far as I know.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: Was not a judicial enquiry conducted by them?

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Minister for Finance and Law)*: No.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: May I know, Sir, whether the Government have not given now terms of reference restricting the powers of the officer whom they have appointed now for the purpose?

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Minister for Finance and Law)*: No, Sir. The terms are sufficient to conduct an enquiry.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: May I know, Sir, that this will end, because of the order which I have happened to read on the appointment of this Officer—I have my own doubts—whether this will not end in a white washing of the affair, whether the Government intend to do any such purpose.

Mr. President: What is the exact question?

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: My question is that, is it not a white washing enquiry?

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Minister for Finance and Law)*: I have not come across to such an enquiry hitherto.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: Just to satisfy the leftist elements in the State, whether the Government have not taken up such a sort of attitude?

Mr. President: The question must be a request for information, but there are various restrictions in that Rule. It shall not contain insinuations, arguments, inferences or ironical expressions. I think the Hon'ble member is aware of that. I am just reminding the House of that.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Prime Minister)*: Persons cannot get over....

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: I wanted to know whether the Government had been taking up such an attitude as sincerely as they were in their resignation time?

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Minister for Finance and Law)*: The sincerity had a growth of 12 months.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: Even now, are the Government strong as much as they were on that occassion?

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Minister for Finance and Law)*: They are stronger.

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. കെ. കുഞ്ഞൻകുട്ടിമേനോൻ: എക്സ്പ്രസ്സിൽ കണ്ട സംഗതി അടിസ്ഥാനമാക്കിയാണോ അന്വേഷണം നടത്തിയത്?

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. ഗോവിന്ദമേനോൻ: അല്ല.

AMOUNT SANCTIONED FOR MEALS—DEPRESSED CLASS STUDENTS—INFORMATION REGARDING

104. (276) മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. കെ. കണ്ണൻ: താഴെ പറയുന്ന ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്ക് ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട ഗവൺമെന്റ് സദയം മറുപടി പറയുമോ.—

(എ) ഹരിജൻ ഹോസ്റ്റലുകളിൽ താമസിച്ചു പഠിക്കുന്ന അധഃകൃത വിദ്യാർത്ഥികൾക്ക് ഓരോരുത്തർക്കും എത്ര ഉറപ്പിക വീതമാണ് ഭക്ഷണത്തിനു അനുവദിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളത്;

(ബി) ഇപ്പോൾ അനുവദിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളത് പോരാത്തതാണെന്നും അതു കൂട്ടിക്കൊടുക്കേണ്ടതാണെന്നും ഉള്ള വല്ല നിർദ്ദേശവും ഗവൺമെന്റിനു ലഭിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ;

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